



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
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APR 1 2002

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Mr. Glenn Compton, *Chairman*  
ManaSota - 88  
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Subject: ~~Piney Point Phosphoric Products Company Site~~  
~~Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida~~

Dear Mr. Compton:

*of Feb. 25, 2002,*  
*Thank you for your letter to*  
Please accept this letter on behalf of ~~Administrator~~ Christine Whitman, *Administrator,* in response to your *U.S. EPA*  
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~~I trust this response is helpful in understanding EPA's current approach for the Piney Point Site. Should you have additional questions, however, please feel free to contact EPA's Project Manager for the Piney Point Site, Brad Jackson, at (404) 562-8925.~~  
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*Backs Jim Mc Lane J. Harper Green*



**Controlled Correspondence For  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

**CONTROL NO :** AX-0202645

**ORIG. DUE DATE:** 03/21/2002

**FILE CODE:** PO CORR 127 GENERAL CORR-PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS (PO)

**STATUS:** PENDING

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**CLOSED DATE:**

**FROM:** COMPTON GLENN  
**ORG:** MANASOTA - 88  
**SALUTATION:** DEAR MR. COMPTON  
**CONSTITUENT:**

**TO:** ADMINISTRATOR  
**TO ORG:** EPA  
**SUBJECT:** ASKS THAT EPA DECLARE PINEY POINT PHOSPATE SITE IN MANATEE  
COUNTY FLORIDA BE (DECLARED A SUPERFUND SITE)

**ASSIGNED:** South Site Management Branch

**COPIES OF INCOMING PROVIDED TO:** AO -CAROLINE PETTI

**SIGNATURE:** DIRECT REPLY  
**WD COMMENTS:**

**R4 INSTRUCTIONS:** Please have a response prepared for Division Director's signature. When signed, please hand-carry a copy of response to Julia Mooney. If any questions, contact Julia at X28302. THANKS.

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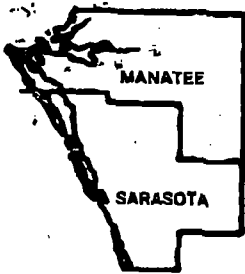
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**MANASOTA-88****A Project for Environmental Quality 1968-2088**

EPA Administrator Christie Whitman  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

February 25, 2002

**Re: Piney Point Phosphate Superfund****Directors**

Glenn Compton

Mary Compton

Rebecca Eger

Charles Holmes

Edith Holmes

Mary Jelks, M.D.

Hilda Guy

Doris Schember

ManaSota-88 strongly recommends that priority be given to performing a Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection for Piney Point Phosphate, located in Manatee County, Florida and assigning Piney Point Phosphate a Hazard Ranking System score. The Piney Point Phosphate site should be placed on the National Priority List and declared a Superfund site.

Piney Point Phosphate has become an abandoned hazardous waste site. The phosphogypsum stacks contain about 1.2 billion gallons of contaminated process acidic wastewater and is surrounded by mounds of radioactive waste containing radium.

Piney Point Phosphate is a serious threat to human health and the environment. The former phosphate plant continues to be a hazard to the surface and groundwater of Tampa Bay, Terra Ceia Bay, and Bishops Harbor.

The Piney Point phosphate site must be permanently closed and the highly corrosive acidic wastewater must be immediately removed to avert a catastrophic spill.

ManaSota-88 strongly urges the Environmental Protection Agency to take immediate action to prioritize the listing of Piney Point Phosphate on the National Priority List.

**Information**

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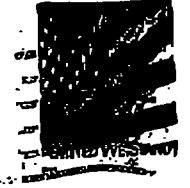
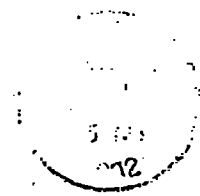
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